All but 13 miles of the permanent way between Bangalore and Mysore have now been renewed.

The north end of the Mysore Station yard has been remodelled.

A flag station between Hole-Narsipur and Mavinkere was opened.

The Intermediate Class accommodation on the Mysore-Arsikere Sections was introduced.

8. A consolidated General Rules Book applicable to all sections of Mysore Railways was issued with the approval of the Government of India in the place of two sets which had been in force previously.

A scheme was sanctioned during the year for training some young men as Engine Drivers and three candidates selected from the Mechanical Engineering School, are undergoing training.

9. The administration of the Mysore Railways showed improvement during the year, but there is further scope for the reduction of working expenses and improvement in the service. The working of the railways has, on the whole, been satisfactory, and the thanks of the Government are due to the Agent, Mr. Dove-Wilson and his staff, for their efficient management.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Custody and Sale of Seamless Measures.

READ—

Government Order, No. 6776-7—I. & C. 94-23-21, dated 7th April 1925, fixing the price for the sale of Seamless Measures to the public and calling for proposals from the Director of Industries and Commerce, in regard to the arrangements to be made for the custody and sale of measures at the several places, the accounts to be maintained by the Selling Agency, the returns to be furnished by them, etc.

2. Letter, No. G. 1063—C. S., dated 15th May 1925, from the Director, Industries and Commerce, submitting proposals for the distribution of weights and measures for sale to the public.

3. Letter No. G. 227—C. S., dated 31st August 1925, from the Director, Industries and Commerce, submitting a note regarding the arrangements to be made for the sale of weights and measures in the State.

4. Letter No. G. 340, dated 19th October 1925, from the Director, Industries and Commerce, requesting that the Comptroller may be authorised to pass all the detailed contingent bills that may be presented by him in connection with petty items of expenditure, such as, packing, etc., against weight and measures advance account.

ORDER NO. I. C. 4101-4111—I. & C. 94-23-39, DATED 17TH DECEMBER 1925.

Government are pleased to sanction the following arrangements in connection with the distribution and sale of the Seamless Measures manufactured by the Mysore Premier Metal Factory:—

(1) The certified standard sets of measures of all sizes of capacity will be made available in all Taluk Treasuries for sale to the public. Each Treasury will be kept supplied by the Director of Industries and Commerce, with a certain number of these sets according to requirements. The Treasury Officers concerned will be responsible for keeping a sufficient stock in the Treasuries by sending indents to the Director from time to time. The Taluk Treasuries should maintain a stock account similar to that prescribed for stamps showing the receipts, issues and balance in stock, of the measures at the close of each day.

(2) Commissioned vendors may also be appointed by the Deputy Commissioners for selling the certified standard measures. Such vendors will be given a commission of one anna in the rupee. The measures should be issued to them only on payment of the value of the measures after deducting the commission. The commission allowed should be separately charged off under a service head with a view to make the advance account complete and always easily reconcilable with the relative stock account. Direct sales to the public from the Treasuries will not be subject to any deduction on account of commission.

(3) In the event of the commissioned vendors returning the measures issued to them on the ground of their inability to find a sale for them, the measures may be taken back by the Treasuries from which they were issued, and the price paid therefor refunded, provided the measures are returned in good condition. The full value of the measures returned unsold should be redebited to the advance account and the corresponding commission charge reduced.

(4) The commissioned vendors should be required to sell measures at prices to be fixed by the Director of Industries and Commerce with the approval of Government. A list of scheduled rates at which the measures are sold singly or in set, will be posted in a prominent place in each Taluk Treasury for the information of the public.

(5) Stock should be taken of the measures issued to every Treasury, once in each half-year by a responsible officer and the result recorded in the stock book.

(6) Expenditure incurred towards packing, transport, etc., of the measures will be kept separate from the advance account and charged directly to a service head, under which necessary provision will be made in the Budget of future years, the expenses during the current year being met by reappropriation of the grants in the Budget of the Industries and Commerce Department for the current year. The Director is requested to report the amount required in this connection during the current year. When the sales are made the actual cost of the measures to Government should alone be credited to the advance account and the balance, if any, should be separately classified as an item of revenue, to set off the incidental charges directly borne by Government in this connection. These adjustments will be made by the Treasuries in accordance with the instructions to be issued by the Comptroller in consultation with the Director.

(7) The Taluk Treasuries will be directed to submit a monthly statement to the District Treasuries showing the result of the operations for each month. The District Treasuries should exercise control over the work of the Taluk Treasuries and verify the credits claimed in the collection column of the Taluk Statements; and they should, after verification, send to the Director of Industries and Commerce, a consolidated statement giving particulars of transactions in each Taluk.

(8) The Director will prepare a consolidated statement furnishing particulars by Districts including therein, also the stock remaining in his custody for the information of Government, a copy of the statement being also sent to the Comptroller. The Director will also submit a monthly statement to Government as well as to the Comptroller, showing the state of the advance account in respect of the measures at the end of each month. On receipt of these statements, the Comptroller will verify them in respect of the following two points:—

(*a*) Correctness of the amount shown in the collection column with the credits appearing in his accounts under the head of advances and the revenue head to which addition for reimbursement of incidental charges on account of packing, transport, commission to vendors, etc., is taken, and

(*b*) agreement of the balance of advances outstanding with the actual price of the stock of measures remaining unsold.

2. The Director is requested to have the measures delivered by the Mysore Premier Metal Factory duly tested and to send to the Taluk Treasuries for sale, such number of them as may be required by them and have a balance kept under proper custody in the stores attached to one of the Industrial concerns under his department. A stock book showing the receipts and issues from the stores will be maintained in the Director's Office for reference and check.

3. The Comptroller is requested to prescribe the forms of the necessary registers and the returns for the use and guidance of the District and the Taluk Treasuries.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Report of the Co-operative Department for 1924-25.

READ—

Report on the working of Co-operative Societies in the State during the year 1924-25 received with letter No. 2237—C. S., dated 16th November 1925, from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

ORDER No. I. C. 4417-76—C. S. 50-25-4, DATED 5TH JANUARY 1926.

Mr. K. H. Ramayya was in charge of the Co-operative Department throughout the year. To help the Registrar in the disposal of suits and office work and enable him to devote more time for inspections, Government sanctioned during the year, the appointment of one Sub-Assistant Registrar to do duty as Personal Assistant. Another Sub-Assistant Registrar was appointed to attend to the development of non-Credit Co-operation. The strength of the Inspectorate was at the same time reduced from 33 to 30. In addition to the twenty-three Honorary Supervisors working during the year, Government appointed five non-official Gentlemen as Honorary Organisers of Co-operative Societies.